

## OUR NASHVILLE LETTER.

From our Special Correspondent.

NASHVILLE, TENN., July 11, 1870.

To-day ends a session of legislation for Tennessee that will long be famous in the annals of the Volunteer State, not alone for any one feature that may have helped to make it notorious, but especially for the many peculiar and decided acts it has had the hardihood to perpetrate. We shall not in this letter attempt a *resumé* of the startling acts that have been passed, nor shall we give a list of the many terrible laws they have thought proper to perpetrate; but shall content ourselves with giving the readers of the CHRONICLE our notions of the peculiar patriotism that has been eliminated by this convulsion of modern Solons. Cromwell doubtless had good reasons for suddenly terminating a rather long term of the English Parliament; no one has ever questioned his wisdom or tact, so far as his policy was concerned; but when history attempts to deal with the recent session of the Tennessee Legislature, the student of some future time, as he reads the strange, incredible page, will wonder that there was no one to out short the disreputable career of a body whose chief characteristic was want of consistency and sense—two ingredients that go far to make deliberative bodies endurable. A glance at the work done at the capital during the seventy days past, will convince any one that it takes good men to make legislation respectable.

This energetic and talented body took upon themselves the legislative function at a peculiar period. Coming into power just after the Republicans had been beaten by an overwhelming vote, after a career based upon restricted suffrage, under obligations to the more intelligent and liberal of that party, who had prepared the way for their political enfranchisement, they ignored the obligations that gratitude and decency might have presented for their consideration, and taking for an objective the term radical, they had scarcely made their seats in the Senate and House warm, before they inaugurated a system of

## REPEALING

That has eclipsed all previous efforts in that line. The laws passed since 1860, by their predecessors, were rapidly brought to the block, and one by one were made special orders for being expunged from the statute books of the State. It mattered not if the act was meritorious—was of real benefit to the people—it was a Radical law, and *ergo*—repeal it.

To such extremes was this mania carried, that, in their hot haste, some laws came near being repealed twice. We might, if time would permit, enumerate some laws that have been stricken down that, in December, these wise men, on reflection, will re-enact, but we forbear. They will be asked strange questions when they once more are among their constituents.

Having satiated themselves, or finding no more radical laws they dare attack, these grave, learned representatives suddenly become subject to the mania of

## INVESTIGATION.

Here they were especially at home. Heaven having blessed them with a prying disposition, it need surprise no one that, when they took the disease, they "took it powerful bad." Everything under the sun was subjected to their astute committees—railroads, receivers, banks, turnpikes, school fund—in fact, everything that had been under any kind of radical control, was subject for some committee to investigate. And then the fairness with which they did their work; the total forgetfulness of party—in a horn. Oh, these investigators were a bad lot. They could only go so far. So long as they could smell radical, it was astonishing to see how they would tear loose, expose things and dance up to the mania of investigation. But if some one just whispered that there was the least chance for these bloodhounds running to earth a Conservative, in a moment they were off—they at once became the most tender and careful fellows imaginable. For proof of this, we need only refer to the school fund investigation, in which they evinced most intense zeal so long as the few thousands that Rutter stole was in sight; but when they got behind that, and the stupendous stealing of their rebel-Conservative-Democratic friends loomed up, their voices became silent and not one feeble yelp could be heard from the hungry pack that a moment before was in full cry.

As investigators this body will long be known, not for the efficiency of their work, but for the peculiar manner in which they did it.

The next role they excelled in was that of

## HANGING ON.

Here they were perfectly at home, so long as they could vote themselves a liberal per diem. Although the press of the entire State begged them to adjourn *sine die*—told them the people were disgusted and tired of the expense and annoyance—they were deaf to it all, and with a coolness that was refreshing, persisted in "hanging on" week after week, and when they were ashamed to sit any longer, they compromised with their cupidity by adjourning to meet again in December. This temporary relief may be received by the people with gratitude. But just think of the horrible prospect in December, when Tennessee must submit to another dose of this long lived body.

Let us now look at this Assembly as

## EDUCATORS.

Here they spread themselves. Not content with placing all laws they found on the repeal list, they went a step further and endeavored to deprive the State of anything like a school system, and where was a fund that was doing good work preparing young men for usefulness, they voted to scatter it in such a manner as would forever prevent any good being done. As educators, we cannot write this body a success.

Finally, let us look at them as

## FINANCIERS.

If any one has had doubts of their ability, a glance at their work in this quarter will convince the most skeptical that they are famous arithmeticians. They continued to increase debts and reduced the taxes, and as for the interest on the State debt, no one can learn that they have made any provision looking to its payment. The holders of State bonds look on this body with great respect, and when they do speak of them it is with bated breath and closed teeth. It is hinted that they would have been first-class

## REPUTATIORS.

And did make some efforts in that line, but their courage being like Bob Acres', we have the pitiable sight of legislation that

went off rampant and finished by tossing the whole thing into the courts, where it was properly without their help.

These people have gone to their homes, and will be for awhile with those that elected them. We do not envy any of them the joyous, hearty welcome they will receive. If they can stand it we can, nor shall we find fault with the taste that can place much value on the service they have done the State. Of this we are certain, that at the next election, if Republicans will do their duty, the wheels of Rebel-Democratic legislation can be locked. The requirements of the Constitution are such that a few more Republicans in the House than was had last term will effectually prevent the passage of measures not palatable to those who love decency and liberty.

Let us hope these facts may induce the people of the State to save us from another body like that which will try again in December to inflict upon them more of their peculiar talent for legislation. DAMON.

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The thing is done. The great Democratic ticket is made. The future Supreme Judges of the State have been selected, and we may now conclude that the State is safe, for at least the term of the nominees under the new Constitution. The long agony that for months past has agitated the ambitious legal minds of the State is now over, and the successful candidates breathe easy, while those who didn't get nominated can take breath, spit on their hands and get ready for a new deal.

The Convention was numerous and respectable. How could it be otherwise, when nearly the whole bar of the State was present, with their best clothes, and smartest speeches best conned. The organization of the Convention was completed without much trouble. Colyar, of Nashville, being temporary chairman, who being possessed of a small voice, managed to get a committee on credentials, organization, &c., which, after a short interval, came back and presented a plan for the Convention, which insured the success of one side and the defeat of the other. We shall not attempt to specify what particular interest was thus summarily disposed of, for it is not pertinent to this report, suffice to say, that East Tennessee came into the Convention with but three candidates, and two of them were strongly in advance of everybody. As for Middle Tennessee, there was a variety of candidates, all about equal in strength prior to the ballot. Ewing was the strongest man and would have been nominated had he refrained from going into the papers, denouncing conventions and especially packed bodies. Then in very bad taste and worse sense, he permitted his name to go before the Convention, pledged to abide its action; and as a consequence, he is slaughtered out of the race with no chance to get in. It is no credit to this gentleman, as a shrewd manager, to permit himself to be thus shelved, after putting himself in direct antagonism to Conventions. The Ewing clique were pretty strong at the opening of the business, but when Davidson conferred with the Southern counties of the middle division, it was found that Ewing must be dropped for a man of more availability, to-wit: Turney, who, though not possessing one-half the legal ability of Cooper or Ewing, was the first man to raise a regiment in Tennessee for the Confederate cause, and who in his anxiety to get out of the United States and into the Confederacy, wanted to set off several counties and attach them to Alabama.

Ewing was sacrificed to the spirit that will not lose sight of the "lost cause." There were several other candidates from Middle Tennessee, but only Nicholson had the slightest chance. He, it was conceded, was certain to be nominated, though it was gravely hinted that the 14th Amendment might give him serious trouble, or prevent him from serving at all.

We must not fail to notice the presiding officer, Whitthorne, a gentleman fully up to his work and a trifle more. The way he managed the thing was admirable. If a resolution was offered that did not suit him, it was "out of order," but when one was offered that was up to his notion, it was simply "a division of the main question, and would be entertained by the chair." We admired that man; we did more—we mentally resolved to watch him and make him our model, for we can't tell how soon we may be presiding where it will perhaps be to our interest to keep out one resolution and let another in. The ingenuity and experience displayed by this model chairman was, to us, a treat that we enjoyed much.

An attempt was made by a very young man from Shelby to put through a resolution providing for a Democratic State Central Committee, who were to insure concert of action, and look after things generally in all elections for several years to come. It proposed to let the chair appoint five from each of the State divisions, and gave the committee, when appointed, full powers as conventions, and all that sort of thing. It was pushed in just before adjournment, in the hope that, in the confusion, it would get safely through, but it met an ignominious death. A sharp young lawyer from East Tennessee saw the point in the thing—that it put the whole party in the hands of the chairman of that convention. He moved to lay the "weak invention of the enemy" on the table, and it went out of sight instantly. They made short work of it.

The convention, as a whole, was intelligent and able. We do not remember to have seen in the State a more capable body of men congregated. They were a credit to those who sent them, and when we remember there were so many lawyers among them, we are forced to admit that they behaved very well for lawyers. They did much better in convention than we have seen them do in some courts.

As soon as the nominations were announced the members rapidly left the hall, and in the morning Nashville will be quiet again—the streets and hotels will resound no more with the tread of legal, ambitious lawyers, scheming to climb the heights that hold judicial honors. DAMON.

**DANGEROUS ILLNESS OF A. J. FLETCHER.**—Mr. A. J. Fletcher, late Secretary of State, is lying dangerously ill and not expected to recover at his home, "Meadow Bend," near Cleveland. A telegraphic dispatch was received yesterday from Mrs. Fletcher to two of our prominent physicians, summoning them at once to his bedside, as his case was considered critical. We did not learn the nature of his illness, but are assured that it is of a very dangerous character. —Union and American.

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No. 525—Large and well finished house in East Knoxville, with finely improved lot. Location very good.

30 LOTS in East Knoxville, ranging from \$50 to \$500 in price.

No. 439—Three adjoining lots, with large house, stables, etc., on Depot street, for sale or exchange for a farm.

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No. 546—Tract of 150 acres, 5 miles from Knoxville. Good soil, water and location. The tract will be divided to suit purchasers into tracts of from ten to sixty acres, and at from \$20 to \$30 per acre, according to location. On good road, and near a railroad station. Land lies well, and is much of it seeded down.

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No. 524—A choice farm of 200 acres near Concord. The best of upland soil, good timber and water and desirable location.

No. 419—A river farm of 180 acres, strong soil, 90 acres in cultivation, timber very heavy and valuable.

No. 375—Farm of 171 acres in Blount county, very good soil and location, with a valuable water power six miles from Railroad. Price \$4,700.

No. 445—Farm of 100 acres, 2 miles from Concord, 60 acres in cultivation, good water and timber. Price, \$3,500.

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